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2010 Milk Production, Disposition and Income

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Montana's dairies produced 289.0 million pounds of milk in 2010, down 3 percent from 2009. There was an average of 14,000 milk cows on farms and ranches during the year, down 1,000 head from the previous year. The average number of pounds produced per cow in 2010 was 20,643 pounds, 4 percent above 2009.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during the year in Montana were \$48.0 million dollars, up 12 percent from 2009. Producers received an average of \$16.90 per cwt, an increase of \$2.30 per cwt from last year. Total marketings of milk, at 284 million pounds, were down 3 percent from a year ago. A total of 5 million pounds of milk were used on farms and ranches, down 1 million pounds from 2009. Of the total, 3 million pounds were fed to calves and 2 million pounds were consumed as milk, cream, and butter.

U.S. milk production increased 1.8 percent in 2010 to 193 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 21,149 pounds, was 576 pounds above 2009. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.12 million head, down 86,000 head from 2009.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2010 totaled \$31.4 billion, 28.9 percent higher than 2009. Producer returns averaged \$16.35 per hundredweight, 26.5 percent above 2009. Marketings totaled 191.8 billion pounds, 1.9 percent above 2009. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 991 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 2.0 percent less than 2009. Calves were fed 89 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

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